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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
HIROSHI KABURAGI, et al.)	Examiner: T. Pham
Application No.: 09/678,297)	Group Art Unit: 2624
Filed: October 3, 2000)	
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD)	
AND APPARATUS)	March 7, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

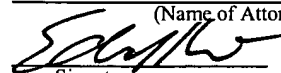
Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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